Under-utilization of funds sanctioned for the disabled

*318. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has not been able to utilize even 50 per cent of the funds sanctioned for the disabled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unutilised funds on this account are being diverted to other sectors;

(d) whether Government would draw a contingent plan for the maximum utilisation of this fund for the disabled for whom it is sanctioned; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c). No, Sir. More than 95% of funds allocated for disability sector during the last three years have been utilised. Re-appropriation of savings from one head to another is done as and when such a need arises.

(d) and (e) Periodical review meetings are held to ensure maximum utilisation of funds allocated to the various schemes/programmes in the disability sector.

Allotment of Government Accommodation

†*319. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed for allocation of houses to the employees belonging to all categories working in various offices of Central Government;

(b) the number of categories for which the houses are allocated as well as the details of pay scales on the basis of which the allocations are made for type-I to type-V quarters;

(c) whether all the departments and autonomous departments, such as Supreme Court, Election Commission are establishing their monopoly in the allocation of quarters; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in affirmative, the reasons for having such monopoly and the nature of ban being imposed by Government to check such monopoly?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As per provisions of Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963, all Central Government employees including employees of Government of NCT of Delhi working in the offices, which have been declared eligible for General Pool Accommodation are entitled for allotment of residential accommodation from General Pool. Applications are invited from those employees who are eligible for Government accommodation. Seniority is based on length of service in respect of Type-I to Type-IV accommodation. For Hostel, Type-IV Special, and above types, senority is based on the earliest date since the prescribed emoluments are drawn. A residence falling vacant is allotted to an applicant who has been waitlisted for change of accommodation in that type and if not required for that purpose, to an applicant without accommodation in that type having the earliest priority date for that type of accommodation.

(b) General Pool residential accommodation has been categorised in 11 categories. Entitlement for various types of accommodation is determined as per the basic pay drawn by an applicant on the cut off date fixed for a particular Allotment Year. The details of entitlement for Type-I to Type-V are given as under:—

Type of residence	Entitlement
I	Less than Rs. 3,050 p.m.
II	Less than Rs. 5,500 but not less than Rs. 3,050 p.m.
III	Less than Rs. 8,500 but not less than Rs. 5,500 p.m.
IV	Less than Rs. 12,000 but not less than Rs. 8,500 p.m.
IV (Spl.)	Not Less than Rs. 10,000 p.m.
V-A	Less than Rs. 15,100 but not less than Rs. 12,000 p.m.
V-B	Less than Rs. 18,400 but not less than Rs. 15,100 p.m.

(c) No, Sir. All Central Government employees working in eligible offices declared as such by the Central Government including the Supreme Court and

Election Commission of India etc., are eligible for allotment of Government accommodation on maturity of their turn in the waiting list.

(d) Question does not arise.

Law to regulate builders and promoters, etc.

*320. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drafted a comprehensive legislation to license builders, promoters, structural engineers and architects to regulate the activities of all those engaged in construction work after Gujarat earthquake;

(b) whether the proposed legislation, as asserted by the Indian Building Congress would also ensure that the prospective buyers were not cheated by unscrupulous builders; and

(c) if so, by when such a legislation is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) A Committee has been set up for drafting a comprehensive legislation to regulate and control the activities of builders, developers etc.

(b) Various aspects will be considered while drafting this Legislation.

(c) No time frame can be indicated at this stage, however, efforts are afoot to finalise it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Controversy over hasty sale of BALCO

2270. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a great deal of controversy was generated due to the hasty manner in which sale of BALCO was carried out; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure complete transparency in the sale of other PSUs?